Workload of EDBPO's in Nalanda District of Bihar

2632. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an exercise is undertaken to assess workload on extra departmental branch Post Offices;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) since when such an exercise has not been undertaken in respect of EDBPO's in Nalanda district of Bihar;

(d) what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when this exercise would be undertaken particularly in respect of EDBPO's under Nalanda Post Office ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) and (b) Statistics are collected for assessment of workload of ED Agents working in EDBPO's. The workload of all ED Agents is assessed at prescribed intervals.

(c) to (e) This exercise has already been taken up since 1998 for ED Branch Postmasters and Sub Postmasters in Nalanda District. As regard other ED Agents it is due next year.

Installation of Microwave Transmitters in Assam

2633. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telecommunication microwave transmitters have been seen set up in Assam during the last three years;

(b) if so, the year-wise and district-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government to install such transmitters in Assam during ensuing two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The year and district wise details of the transmitters set up in the state of Assam is enclosed as statement (*see below*).

(c) Total 128 transmitters have been planned in the ensuing two years. The installations and commissioning of the transmitters shall be done progressively, subject to availability of equipments.